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Inauguration Day, 1953

Apparently there is great activity in the center of Washington but Georgetown is unusually quiet this morning.

We went at 11:30 to the Ellistons' to see the inaugural ceremonies on television. The Finletters, the correspondent of the London Times, as well as the John Fergusons, Alistair Cook and others were there. It was [redacted] impressive and we did not leave until after General and Mrs. Eisenhower had taken their stand at the White House. I thought the inaugural address excellent as well as Eisenhower's solemn prayer preceding it.

A lot of people drifted in and out of the house this afternoon.

We ventured down town to see the end of the parade but found the streets so blocked [redacted] we gave up and came home.

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